

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
IKEDA et al. )  
Application Number: To Be Assigned )  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: HYDROGEN OR HELIUM PERMEATION MEMBRANE )  
AND STORAGE MEMBRANE AND PROCESS FOR )  
PRODUCING THE SAME )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants have amended the claims to eliminate the multiple dependencies in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: